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October 16, 2012

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

16 October 16, 2012

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**AWARD CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENTS FOR AS-NEEDED
GEOTECHNICAL PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES FOR
VARIOUS PROJECTS LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to award and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute consultant services agreements for as-needed geotechnical professional and technical services with Fugro Consultants, Inc.; Geotechnical Professionals, Inc.; Kleinfelder West, Inc.; Leighton Consulting, Inc.; and URS Corporation Americas, Inc.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the work is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Award and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute as-needed geotechnical professional and technical services agreements with Fugro Consultants, Inc.; Geotechnical Professionals, Inc.; Kleinfelder West, Inc.; Leighton Consulting, Inc.; and URS Corporation Americas, Inc. The agreements will provide as-needed geotechnical professional and technical services for a 3-year period commencing on the date of the initial Notice to Proceed with two 1-year renewal options to be exercised by the Director of Public Works or her designee. The agreements shall not exceed a \$1,000,000 annual cost for each agreement with the combined aggregate, maximum annual cost of the entire program not to exceed \$5,000,000 and a potential maximum aggregate program sum of \$25,000,000.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to authorize the Director of Public Works (Director) or her designee to execute five consultant services agreements for as-needed geotechnical professional and technical services so that the Department of Public Works (Public Works) and other County of Los Angeles (County) departments that Public Works serves, will be able to better manage fluctuations in workload and thereby provide responsive and cost-effective services to our clients.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3). The agreements will allow Public Works to better manage fluctuations in workload, and thereby provide responsive services to our clients. These as-needed consultant services agreements also allow Public Works to tap into a larger pool of resources to serve as an extension of County staff during the construction phase of projects, as well as responding to emergencies.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

Each of the five agreements is part of the entire program. The entire program is for a combined aggregate maximum annual amount of \$5,000,000. This amount represents Public Works' estimated annual cost to perform these as-needed services. The agreements will provide as-needed geotechnical professional and technical services for a 3-year period commencing on the date of the initial Notice to Proceed, with two 1-year renewal options. Funding for these is included in the Fiscal Year 2012 13 various Public Works fund budgets. When the need arises for services under these contracts, financing the required services will be from the appropriate fund source. Funds to finance the contracts' optional years will be requested through the annual budget process.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The agreements will be in the form previously reviewed and approved by County Counsel. The recommended agreements were solicited on an open-competitive basis and are in accordance with applicable Federal, State, and County requirements. The consultants are in compliance with the requirements of the Chief Executive Office and the Board.

The award of the agreements will not result in unauthorized disclosure of confidential information and will be in full compliance with Federal, State, and County regulations. The agreements contain terms and conditions supporting the Board's ordinances, policies, and programs, including but not limited to: the County's Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the County's Child

Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program Ordinance, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; and the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

These services are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). These services are within a class of work that has been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that they meet the criteria set forth in Sections 15304, 15306, and 15330 of the CEQA Guidelines.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

On February 13, 2012, Public Works issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for as needed geotechnical professional and technical services. As requested by the Board on February 3, 1998, the RFP was listed on the County's Doing Business With Us website. Twenty firms responded to the RFP, but one firm withdrew its proposal during the evaluation process. Public Works evaluated the remaining proposals, and the seven highest scoring firms were subsequently invited to participate in the oral interview process. Based on the review and evaluations of the proposals and oral interviews, Public Works selected Fugro Consultants, Inc.; Geotechnical Professionals, Inc.; Kleinfelder West, Inc.; Leighton Consulting, Inc.; and URS Corporation Americas, Inc.; as the best qualified firms to perform the required services. The selection was based on technical expertise, experience, personnel qualifications, and understanding of the work requirements. These evaluations were completed without regard to race, creed, color, or gender.

Participation in the program by Community Business Enterprises (CBE) is encouraged through the Public Works' CBE Outreach Program, and the requirement that consultants demonstrate their good faith efforts to utilize CBEs. Fugro Consultants, Inc.; Geotechnical Professionals, Inc.; Kleinfelder West, Inc.; Leighton Consulting, Inc.; and URS Corporation Americas, Inc.; are aware of Public Works' CBE Outreach Program. Their proposed CBE participation is on file with Public Works.

The recommended agreements with Fugro Consultants, Inc.; Geotechnical Professionals, Inc.; Kleinfelder West, Inc.; Leighton Consulting, Inc.; and URS Corporation Americas, Inc.; will include a cost-of-living adjustment provision in accordance with the Board's policy that was approved on January 29, 2002.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The award of these consultant services agreements will allow Public Works and other County departments that Public Works serves, to continue to be responsive to increases in our workload and to provide quality control and effectiveness in the design of our projects. These as-needed consultant services agreements also allow Public Works to utilize a larger pool of resources to serve as an extension of County staff during the construction phase of projects as well as responding to emergencies.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Geotechnical and

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Materials Engineering Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Public Social Services (GAIN/GROW Program)

Award information has not been added at this time.

Bid Information

Bid Number : AED7739770

Bid Title : As-Needed Geotechnical Professional and Technical Services

Bid Type : Service

Department : Public Works

Commodity : CONSULTING SERVICES - ENGINEERING

Open Date : 2/13/2012

Closing Date : 3/14/2012 3:00 PM

Notice of Intent to Award : [View Detail](#)

Bid Amount : N/A

Bid Download : Not Available

Bid Description : The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works (Public Works) is inviting proposals from qualified firms to provide geotechnical professional and technical services for various projects located in Los Angeles County, California.

The objective of this solicitation is to select up to five (5) firms that are best qualified to provide the requested services.

2/29/12, Notice to Proposers A issued; provides responses to questions received regarding the RFP. A copy can be obtained by following the link provided below.

03/12/12, Notice to Proposers B issued; provides responses to questions received regarding the RFP. A copy can be obtained by following the link provided below.

To obtain a copy of the RFP [Click here](#)

May 29, 2012; oral interviews to be conducted with Fugro Consultants, GeoCon West, GPI, Kleinfelder West, Leighton Consulting, Ninyo & Moore, and URS Corporation in order to select up to 5 of the best-qualified proposers.

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